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Erin E. MURPHY et al.

Application No.: 09/840,795

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For: **BINDING COMPOUNDS FOR A RANK-LIKE
PROTEIN (AMENDED)**

Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Eileen O'Hara

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 30, 2004, for which a response was due on February 28, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 30, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Also included herein is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Sinha et al., "Induction of apoptosis by X-linked ectodermal dysplasia receptor via a caspase 8-dependent mechanism," *J. Biol. Chem.*, 279:41873-81 (2004).